

ITALIAN DOES NOT LIKE 'OREGON BOO'

Man Charged With Murder 11 Years Ago Passes Through City in Custody.

PRISONER SEEMS AMIABLE

Seattle Fruit Vendor Is Accused of Killing and Disemboweling Former Roommate and Countryman in San Francisco.

"It feels good to get that thing off the leg." The speaker was Pietro Torturici, sought 11 years charged with the murder of Biagio Vilardo, in San Francisco.

"That thing" was the dreaded "Oregon boo," and the officers had just removed the shackles from the young Italian's right leg. He stood in the jailer's office at the police station and chafed the ankle that had borne a 20-pound steel bracelet for 18 hours. The temporary relief brought a smile to his thin face.

Escorted by Detectives T. F. Conlon and John Ewart, of the San Francisco force, Torturici was brought to Portland yesterday afternoon. He was lodged in a cell at the City Jail for the remainder of the afternoon, and resumed the journey toward San Francisco last night.

Man Sells Oranges.

Those who bought oranges of a sunny-visaged Italian fruit merchant in the Seattle market place would have felt the thrill of terror, doubtless, had they realized that the vendor perhaps was an actor in a dimly-remembered horror 11 years before.

Detective Joseph Bianchi, of the Seattle police, identified the fruit merchant as Pietro Torturici, and placed him under arrest, telegraphing the San Francisco police that the quest was ended.

Torturici was once detained by the Kansas City police on a minor charge. He was released on bail. Members of the detective bureau of that city suspected that the petty offender was the alleged San Francisco murderer. They notified the authorities at the Pacific Coast city. While confirmation and officers were en route, Torturici forfeited his bail and disappeared. His apprehension in Seattle is the first that has been heard of him since that time.

Crime Is Recalled.

Almost 11 years ago, the story of the crime runs, Pietro roomed with a friend in San Francisco. The cause of their quarrel, if they had one, is not known. Rumor said there had been a daughter of their native land to cause the murderous break.

One morning, it is charged, Pietro carried a sack to the bay, and cast it into the water. Later in the forenoon he again passed, burdened with another sack. Someone spoke to him, and he dropped his load and ran. The second sack contained the torso of Biagio. The first sack was afterward fished from the bottom of the bay by boy anglers. It contained the missing members to the gruesome puzzle—the head, legs and arms of Biagio. He did not tarry for the charge of murder.

Grls Is Amiable.

He grinned amiably, half from bravado and partly from good nature, as the staff photographer posed him yesterday afternoon in the Bertillon room at the police station.

"You want to take the picture again," he bantered. "So many times they have taken my picture. Kansas City, Seattle, now Portland. They will take good picture, how much you give me?"

He straightened himself upright in the chair and looked at the lens.

"If I had money I would not care for anything," he asserted to no one in particular, and the shutter clicked.

As they led him back to the cells, Pietro Torturici begged for the solace of a cigarette. It was given him.

ARBITRATION IS URGED

CHAMBER CALLS ON RAILROADS AND MEN TO SETTLE TROUBLE.

Resolutions Point Out Injury that Would Follow Were Strike on Lines to Be Ordered.

Arbitration of the differences between the railroads and their train employees is urged in a set of resolutions adopted a few days ago by the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, copies of which have been sent to the United States Chamber of Commerce as well as to other commercial bodies in the Northwest.

The railroads of this territory were formally notified yesterday by committees representing the employees of the demands for a re-arrangement of the wage and hour schedule. The carriers contend that the proposed increase will add \$100,000,000 annually to their payroll and that their finances at present make it economically impossible to meet this added burden of expense.

The Chamber's resolutions are as follows:

Whereas, the public of the Pacific Northwest will suffer great inconveniences and disastrous effects will fall on the lumber, grain and other industries in the event of interruption of public service by a general strike such as is threatened by railway railmen's organizations; and

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has taken action looking to an adjustment by arbitration of the issues in controversy as per resolutions appended hereto; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Portland Chamber of Commerce that, in the interest of public convenience and the welfare of Pacific Northwest industries, we urge that both parties to the controversy adjust their difficulties without recourse to extreme measures that will suspend the public service.

BIRTH CONTROL TOPIC

FATHER O'HARA DECLINES DEBATE BUT EXPRESSES VIEWS.

Progressive Business Men's Club Hears Diatribe Against Interference With Nature.

Rev. Father O'Hara yesterday declined to be counted in on a debate on "Birth Control," as he prepared to give his views on this question before the Progressive Business Men's Club at the Oregon Grill, following the dissertation on the question by Rev. Frank L. Loveland, last week. Mr. O'Hara was introduced by W. J. Sheehy. Among other things the speaker of the day said:

The use of the expression "birth control"

is not conducive to clear thinking. It may refer to a self-restraint that is not only unobjectionable, but even may be in some circumstances highly praiseworthy. But the expression is also used to describe "the gratification of the sexual appetite in an unnatural way, which is the stationary definition of a vile and vicious practice abhorred by Jew and Christian since the day that Adam, from whom the vice derives its name, was struck dead by the hand of God."

One of the greatest gynecologists in America, Dr. Howard Kelly, of the Johns Hopkins Medical School and Hospital, has recently made the following statement: "Practically, I find that the people who come to me having used various mechanical devices of preventing conception have lost something in their married life which ought to have been more precious to them than life itself. All meddling with the sexual relation to secure facultative sterility leaves the wife to the level of a prostitute." These serious words of a great physician should be weighed well by all who would understand the moral consequences of the use of contraceptives.

Only children may have material advantages, but "their material opportunities are more than neutralized by the moral disadvantages and losses in the form of egotism, inefficiency, indolence and over-indulgence." The spread of birth control will affect



Pietro Torturici, Alleged Murderer, Who Passed in City Jail on Way to San Francisco.

first the wealthy and cultured classes, for some who are accustomed to hard work do not view the trials of motherhood with as much alarm as do women whose lives are more indolent and luxurious and who are not insured to sacrifice in any form.

The question may have material advantages to relieve the more powerful element in society of any sense of responsibility for the submerged condition of the working classes by placing the blame for that condition on the shoulders of themselves who have brought too many children into the world, and this because they have not restrained their animal passions, as if the working people who raise large families practice less self-control than these more luxurious persons who, by artificial means, secure for themselves the possibility of unlimited indulgence, imitating the example of the old pagan epure, who, after a banquet, indulged artificial excitement of the he might further indulge the pleasures of the palate.

With the wonderful application of science to industry it would seem reasonable to seek means of establishing decent living conditions among the families of laboring people by a more enlightened distribution of the opportunities and products of industry than by the multiplication of a practice destructive of family life.

STRAND HAS NEW SHOW

HIGH-CLASS VAUDEVILLE AND MOVIES ARE OFFERED.

Singers and Comedians Make Hit With New Numbers—"The Flirt" Is Thrilling Film.

The new midweek offering at the Strand Theater opened yesterday with three singing, dancing and comedy numbers. A big Blue Bird film, "The Flirt," Booth Tarkington's celebrated story, is a five-part feature.

An act as bright as the costumes worn is that of two comedy singers, Cornelia and Adele. Miss Adele appears in an amusing colored creation quite trim and pretty, but before the act is over she has been sailor and a "harem" girl. Both Cornelia and his saucy partner dance well and their songs are snappy.

"Funny Billy Rainey and his partner, Teresa Miller, are a pair of winning mirth-makers. Original costumes are another feature. Billy Rainey wins with comic instruments and near-melody.

A pair, a make-believe Ford, and much ado about a moonlight auto wreck, with songs and dances, is the act by Ross and Wise. It's a bright spot in the show.

Booth Tarkington's comedy "The Flirt" is the story of a pretty girl, her younger brother and her sweetheart. There is another pretty girl, not a flirt but a fascinating maid who figures in the film. It's a story that's full of the humorist's best thoughts and is shown to advantage on the screen.

WESTERN CLUB IN CHICAGO

Ex-Residents of Washington and Oregon Form Organization.

Ex-residents of Oregon and Washington now residing in Chicago have formed a society for their mutual social enjoyment and to assist Oregon and Washington visitors in that city. They propose also to give information to Chicago residents who propose to locate in the Northwest.

H. L. Replolis, an attorney, is president of the organization, and Victor C. Lord is secretary. They advised the Chamber of Commerce here yesterday of their action.

VETERANS' CAMP FORMED

Soldiers of Foreign Wars of United States Organize and Elect.

A camp of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been formed in Portland with the election of A. L. Clark as commander and A. G. Malby as adjutant.

Membership in the organization is limited to those ex-soldiers of the United States who have participated in campaigns outside of the United States proper, as for instance, Cuba, the Phil-

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Short Weight Costs \$10.

M. Barde, manager of Barde & Sons, 249 Front street, pleaded not guilty to the charge of giving short weight in a purchase of copper wire when arraigned in Municipal court yesterday. He was convicted on the testimony of Sealer of Weights and Measures Jones and Deputy J. T. Canright.

Eight pounds and 15 ounces of copper weighed only eight pounds, according to Mr. Barde's computations, when he offered the wire for purchase. Complaint was made to the proper authorities and Deputy Canright assigned to the case.

"Mr. Barde is now short \$10," as one of the courtroom crowd expressed the verdict.

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Judge Morrow Objects to Slow Cross-Examination in Taylor Embezzlement Case.

"Be careful, or I'll fine you \$50 for contempt of court," warned Circuit Judge Morrow yesterday, when John Manning, counsel for F. A. Taylor, on trial for embezzlement, met the objection of the court to slow cross-examination with the assertion that the court was charged with the duty of seeing that his client got a fair trial.

"You must try and finish this case," said the court, "it will take up all next week if it drags on like this."

J. S. Reeder, a chauffeur, testified that he had taken Mr. Taylor and friends for many night rides, and that he had received checks on the account of F. A. Taylor & Co. Mr. Taylor said the trips had been made with customers in the line of business.

Mr. Taylor said that goods purchased for the store were held at home until demanded by customers.

The placing of \$443.60 paid to the firm in the personal bank account of Mr. Taylor was said to have been put there to keep it from attachment, and Mr. Taylor testified that all but \$11.63 of this amount had been checked out for the benefit of F. A. Taylor & Co.

Bullet Rebounds and Hits Man.

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Earl Godfrey, engineer for the Cashmere Lumber Company in the Swakane mill, while using a high-powered Savage gun, was hit in the thigh by a bullet. The young man was shooting at a piece of steel, testing the gun, and in some manner the bullet was deflected.

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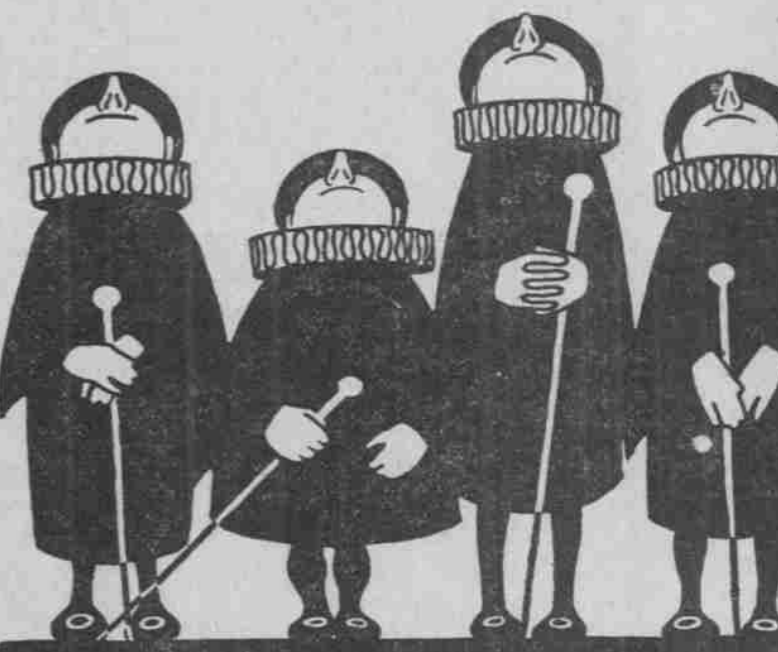
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